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DoD Fire and Emergency Services Conference Agenda

Please remember the conference schedule is subject to change between now and next month!

The 1999 DoD Fire and Emergency Service Conference is rapidly approaching, and it is shaping up to be a superb conference once again. Here is the draft Air Force Agenda — Please remember it is subject to change between now and next month.

August 26 (Thursday)

AFMC meetings **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

HQ AFCEA SCBA IPT **1 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

August 27 (Friday)

AFMC meetings **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

HQ AFCEA SCBA IPT **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

August 28 (Saturday)

USAF Fire Protection Council Stakeholders Meeting **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Air Force Reserve Command **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

August 29 (Sunday)

USAF Fire Protection Council Stakeholders Meeting **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Air Force Reserve Command **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Air National Guard **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

August 30 (Monday)

Air Combat Command **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Air Force Reserve Command **8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Air National Guard **8 am – 5 p.m.**

USAF Readiness Meeting **7:30 a.m. – noon**

Live Fire Training Pit Briefing **1–2:30 p.m.**

USAF CMSgt Group **2:30 – 5 p.m.**

USAF Enlisted Force Issues **1 – 2:30 p.m.**

August 31 (Tuesday)

7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.:

- Are you sinking, swimming or just treading water?
- Emergency Response to Terrorism
- Advance Aerospace Materials Incident Response

8 a.m. – noon:

Air Mobility Command BCE Meeting

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.:

Air Force Luncheon with General Robbins
(**mandatory** for all Air Force Attendees)

1 – 5 p.m.:

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Need Directions or Information on an upcoming Seminar?

For the NFPA 1500 training workshop at the Air Force Academy (July 27-29) we will be meeting in building 2354, Fairchild Hall, Room 3K17 (also known as Lecture Hall L-3) from 0800-1700. Because of the number of people attending, lodging will be off-base. If directions are needed for the Academy, you can contact us at DSN 333-2051, or via the Internet: piercy.cer@usafa.af.mil, and we will fax you a map. You may also visit our web site and print the maps located at:

www.usafa.af.mil/fire-dept/nfpa.htm

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Are you ready for a Terrorist Attack?

Beirut, Lebanon. The United States embassies in Tanzania and Kenya. Oklahoma City. Mentioning any of these locations in the world, and the mind immediately races to one word — terrorism.

In April of this year, the U.S. State Department published its latest annual report on terrorism world-wide. The report is a yearly reappraisal of world terrorism required by the United States Congress. It includes information on international terrorist organizations, a yearly chronicle of terror attacks, and a report on states sponsoring terrorism. This last section has a special impact on U.S. foreign policy, as those states designated supporters of terrorism are subject to diplomatic and economic sanctions. This year's report shed light on some important features of the current international terror scene.

There was a decrease in the number of international terror attacks (the lowest since the beginning of the 90's. At the same time there was a sharp increase of the number of casualties. This cannot be attributed solely to the deadly results of the simultaneous attacks on the American embassies in East Africa, although they definitely contributed to the total high number of casualties this year.

So what can you do to prepare for a potential terrorist act? Well, one of the first things you can do for your folks is to provide them with a baseline of training, utilizing the *Emergency Response to Terrorism for Emergency Responders* training program. Each installation should have received a copy of this interactive CD-ROM — students work in a self-paced environment to learn the basic concepts of responding to a terrorism incidents. Items covered on the CD-ROM include different types of chemicals and their affect on an

individual, secondary devices, resources available, etc. Please contact CMSgt Jim Podolske at HQ AFCEA/CEXF if you did not receive your copy of this superb program. His DSN number is 523-6321, or he may be reached at Internet: Jim.Podolske@afcesa.af.mil

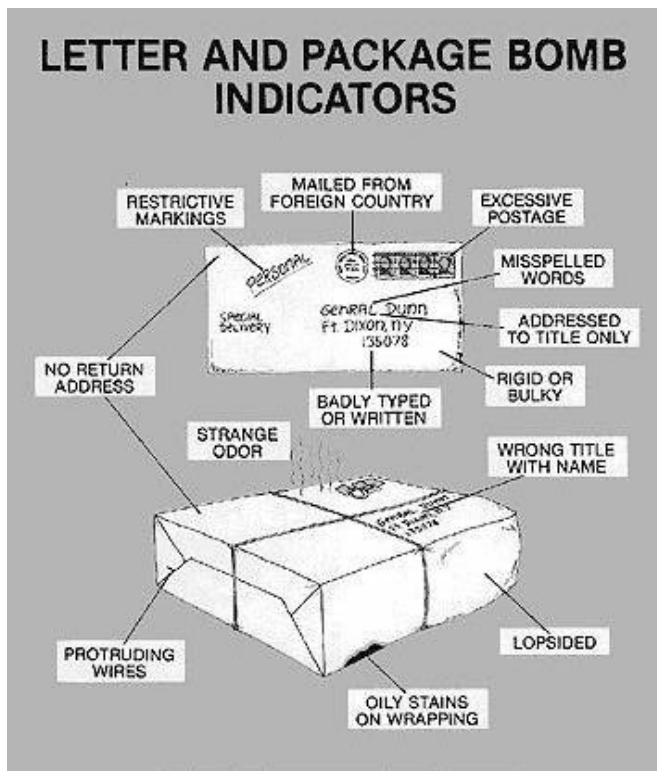
Sanborn Award Winner!

Hill AFB Fire Department in Utah was the most recent recipient of the Ralph E. Sanborn Award. In the tradition of the high quality fire protection provided by the Air Force, Hill Fire Dept maintained a 99% response rate with zero dollar loss of directly protected assets. They have a diverse, high paced mission including response services to 180 aircraft, including depot repair aircraft, two fighter wings and structural fire protection to an Air Logistics Center with \$3.2 billion dollar of major depot aircraft maintenance operations including ones using highly industrialized processes.

They rapidly responded to two separate F-16 crashes on the runway. In both cases, the pilots ejected and were recovered and assessed for injuries and removed from the hazard area promptly. One multi-million dollar aircraft was saved from total destruction only through heroic efforts of firecrews---the aircraft was off the runway, gear collapsed, at a severe angle, spilling fuel and at full power; rescue personnel quickly gained access and performed emergency shutdown.

Hill's Fire Department is highly recognized for its customer service. They regularly lead the way in annual safety days in support of the Family Support Center as well as the base flying Wings, and an on-going child seat safety program, a regular CPR training program, tours of fire facilities and a tour groups favorite spot.

Hill AFB Fire Department also can boast the most cost-effective department in AFMC, continually doing more with less. Hill AFB Fire Department members are proud of their department and keep striving to make it better and this year it really showed.



Rescue Vehicle Purchase

The Cannon AFB, New Mexico Fire Department took delivery of a brand-new *Smeal* heavy rescue unit in October 1998.

The truck was designed by Mr. **Tracy Young**, GS-6, and other department personnel to meet the specific needs of tools and equipment required to perform the mission at Cannon AFB. The vehicle is equipped to handle all types of emergencies including confined space rescue and initial hazardous materials response. The vehicle was built on a FL-80 4X4 Freightliner chassis and complies with all applicable NFPA and DOT codes and regulations. It is designed to carry up to four crewmembers.

Specifications:

- * 300 HP Caterpillar Engine
- * Allison MD3060 5 speed automatic transmission
- * On board high pressure (4500 psi) cascade system
- * A.S. America roll-up doors
- * Firecom communication headset system in cab
- * 12,000 lb. winch on front bumper
- * 1 Hannay hydraulic reel
- * 2 Hannay electric cord reels
- * 2 Hannay air reels
- * 2.0 kilowatt Wilbur "Nightscan" light tower
- * 25 kilowatt PTO driven generator
- * Storage space for 10 air bottles
- * 4 roll out and tilt trays
- * Aluminized Unibody construction
- * Linex coating on interior compartments



Air Force Civilian Fire Fighter of the Year!



KADENA AIR BASE, JAPAN -- **Tetsuro Hayashi**, an 18th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department crew chief at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, has been selected as the Air Force Civilian Firefighter of the Year.

"He's pulled duty as the assistant fire chief, which is unheard of for a Master Labor Contract employee," said Senior Master Sgt. David Roy, 18th CES deputy fire chief.

"He's also a very proactive worker who finds what needs to be done and gets it done," said Roy. "This includes training his crew because he knows they will work better when they are well trained."

One way he showed he cared for fellow workers was to initiate a work request for individual bunkrooms for every firefighter.

Mr. Hayashi also thinks of people outside the base's gates. He coordinated, judged and served as the president of the awards committee for the 1998 Special Olympics held at the Okinawa Prefecture City School for the mentally challenged. He also conducted tours to an off-base school. But Hayashi doesn't see his accomplishment as anything spectacular. "I received the award, but it isn't only *my* award -- the entire fire department staff helped me," Hayashi said. "There are a lot of good people who deserve the award. It's teamwork and leadership that gets the job done."

Mr. Hayashi is the Air Force nominee for the DoD Civilian Fire Fighter of the Year award — the winner will be announced in Kansas City at the DoD Awards Banquet on September 1st.

But are you really reading what you think you are?



It seems that in the fire service, we tend to act and react to situations based on what we *believe* we know. During hazardous materials incidents, not having the proper information can have catastrophic results. Many variations of the logic test below have been printed — see how well you can do, based on what you *think* you are reading. Answers are on page 6.

1. How can you arrange for two people to stand on the same piece of newspaper and yet be unable to touch each other without stepping off the newspaper.
2. How many 3-cent stamps are there in a dozen?
3. A rope ladder hangs over the side of a ship. The rungs are one foot apart and the ladder is 12 feet long. The tide is rising at four inches an hour. How long will it take before the first four rungs of the ladder are underwater?
4. Which would you rather have, a trunk full of nickels or a trunk half full of dimes?
5. Steve has three piles of sand and Jim has four piles of sand. All together, how many do they piles do they have?
6. In which sport are the shoes made entirely of metal?
7. If the Vice-President of the United States should die, who would be President?
8. How can you throw a golf ball with all your might and — without hitting a wall or any other obstruction -- have the ball stop and come right back to you?
9. According to most state laws, the attempt to commit a certain crime is punishable, but actually committing the crime is not. What is the crime?
10. Find the English word that can be formed from all these letters:

PNLLEEESSSS

Do you have your copy of T.O. 00-105E-9?



Technical Order (T.O.) 00-105E-9 Version 2.0 is in the process of being distributed. Two of the most common questions asked by folks are they are on the list? and Can they have multiple copies?

The data base at AFCESA is set up by *T.O. DO* number, and the customer must have this number before calling to ensure they are scheduled to receive their copy of the T.O. The answer to the first question is, if you are in the data base, you will receive a copy of T.O. 00-105E-9 automatically.

The simple answer for the second question is no. AFCESA has made 2000 copies to provide to 1600 customers. The remaining 400 is to take care of new customers until the next version is released. The CD was specifically made to be printed from if more copies are desired. Robins AFB, GA no longer provides the funding as they have in the past, therefore funding for these CDs comes directly out of the AFCESA/CEXF budget. It cost \$3K to place an order for 2000 copies!

Further questions may be directed to: Thomas L. Stemphoski, DSN 523-6150, or Internet: Tom.Stemphoski@tyndall.af.mil

On The Lighter Side...



Conference ...

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AETC Meeting

2 – 6 p.m.:

DoD Charity Golf Outing

September 1 (Wednesday)

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.:

Major Air Command Civil Engineer Meeting

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.:

AMC Command Base Civil Engineer Meeting

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.:

DoD Morning General Session

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.:

Five DoD Workshops

1 – 2:15 p.m.:

Five DoD Workshops

2:45 – 4 p.m.:

Five DoD Workshops

6 – 7 p.m.:

DoD Banquet Reception

7 – 10:15 p.m.:

DoD Awards Banquet

September 2 (Thursday)

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.:

AFSPACOM Meeting

AMC Meeting

PACAF Meeting

USAFE Meeting

ANG Meeting

AETC Meeting

September 3 (Friday)

8 a.m. – noon

AETC Meeting

Other IAFC activities you may want to consider attending, if your schedule permits:

August 28

- Opening General Session; keynote speaker: Jim Tunney, Dean of NFL Referees.
- Vendor Exhibits

August 29

- General Session; keynote speaker: Les Brown (Achieving personal and professional achievement)
- Vendor Exhibits

August 31

- Sunrise Seminars
- Weapons of Mass Destruction Seminar
- Afternoon Workshops
- Closing Reception

AEDs in Aircraft!

Honolulu, Hawaii - Tuesday, January 5, 1999 - Aloha Airlines has installed automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) on all of its aircraft, making it the first scheduled carrier in the nation to voluntarily equip its entire fleet with the high-tech emergency device. Aloha installed the life-saving devices on all 18 of its Boeing 737s, following the completion of AED training for Aloha's in-flight personnel.

Aloha purchased 19 forerunner AEDs from Heartstream, Inc. of Seattle, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Hewlett-Packard Company. The forerunner is the only AED cleared for use by the FDA that incorporates a low-energy biphasic waveform. The American Heart Association has described this unique waveform technology as "safe, acceptable and clinically effective."

New technology has made it possible to develop a smaller, lighter, less expensive and virtually maintenance-free automatic external defibrillator needed to achieve widespread public-access fibrillation.

The AED is designed to check a patient's heart rhythm and, if necessary, to apply an appropriate electric shock to re-establish the heart rate. The defibrillators have already proven to be a life saver when passengers, who had suffered from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), were revived using the AEDs on three separate American and Emirates airlines flights. In addition, the defibrillators have been used on numerous other occasions to monitor heart rhythms for passengers experiencing chest pains during flights.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest claims more than 350,000 lives each year largely because life-saving treatment does not reach victims within the first critical minutes. Although the average flight time for Aloha is only about 20 minutes, SCA can lead to death within minutes. According to the American Heart Association, a Sudden Cardiac Arrest victim's chances of survival decrease by 10 percent with every minute that passes.

Editor's Note: The intent of this article is not to endorse any particular brand of AED — merely to inform the readers about the benefits of having an Automatic External Defibrillator on hand during an emergency.

Performance Testing

The new electronic performance test notification form is now on-line! Please begin using this capability to make your required performance test notifications. Simply click on the web site address shown below and it will take you to the form. All you have to do is fill in the blanks! This will standardize the way AFCESA receives performance test information and the information will be automatically logged into AFCESA's Microsoft Database. After the information is submitted you will receive a performance test confirmation message. Thanks for your help in using the super information highway to improve and streamline the way we do business!

The new "Electronic Performance Test Notification Form" is located at the following address:

<http://www.afcesa.af.mil/certification/asp/default.asp>

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Air Force Military Fire Fighter of the Year!

The USAF Academy Fire Department is proud to announce that **SSgt Delton J. Tills III** has been selected as the Air Force Military Fire Fighter of the Year.

SSgt Tills has a long list of distinguished honors and awards, including his selection as the 1998 Airman of the Year for the Air Force Academy Civil Engineer Group, the Air Force Academy's Outstanding Military Technician of the Year for 1998, and our selection as the Academy's Fire Fighter of the Year. SSgt Tills is also the recipient of the **John L. Levitow** Award, for outstanding performance in professional military education. His outstanding military bearing and appearance are well known – he was the only enlisted member from the 10th Air Base Wing selected to attend a banquet in the local community which honored military members.

During a recent deployment to Haiti in support of

Operation NUEVOS HORIZONTES, SSgt Tills established and managed a medical treatment program to provide emergency medical treatment to more than 300 deployed personnel. His ceaseless, unfaltering dedication to duty ensured personnel were protected while constructing a School during this important deployment. SSgt Tills is a stand-out performer, and very deserving of this prestigious award!

More Awards!

The Air Force Fire Fighter heroism award winner is **Mr. David Laplante**, 347th Civil Engineer Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. Unfortunately, details of Mr. Laplante's nomination package were not available at the time of this printing, but it will be printed in the next edition of the *Fire Fighter Gazette*.

The DoD winner of each of the categories (military/civilian fire fighter, fire department, and heroism) will be announced during the 1999 DoD Fire and Emergency Services Conference Awards Banquet, 1 Sep 99, at the Kansas City Marriott Hotel in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

Additionally, each Air Force nominee will receive an award during an Air Force luncheon for being selected as our nominee for the DoD competition. Congratulations to all and good luck!

Logic Test Answers

1. Slide the newspaper half way under a closed door and ask the two people to stand on the bit of newspaper on their side of the door.
2. There are twelve 3-cent stamps in a dozen (not 4).
3. Actually, the ladder will rise with the ship!
4. Dimes are smaller than nickels, so choose the dimes!
5. If they put them all together, there will be *one* pile.
6. Horse racing.
7. The President will still be in charge!
8. Throw the ball straight up.
9. Suicide.
10. Sleeplessness.

People Page

Position Openings

I received a FAX recently regarding a position opening at Moron Air Base (**Spain**):

J.A. Jones is a major international provider of operations and support services for the US military, and is looking for an **Assistant Chief for Operations**, as soon as possible.

Qualifications: High School or equivalent; ten years experience in fire protection, at least three of which must have been in ARFF fire fighting; two years supervision in fire protection; knowledgeable of OSHA, USAFE and NFPA standards; secret security clearance, fluent in English/able to speak Spanish (level 3).

FAX resume to Pamela Cave-Herrera, 011-34-95-584-8007, or call 011-34-95-584-8449. Resumes may be mailed to: Base Aerca de Moron, PSC 62, Box 1301, APO AE 09643.

The fire chief at **FE Warren AFB** (Wyoming) is looking for 3 folks to fill some upcoming vacancies - he has two GS-5s and one GS-6 position that will be open within 90 days or so. To apply, send your resume to the Central Civilian Personnel Office at Randolph AFB, TX. See the following web site for additional information on application procedures:

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/dpc/mailres.html>

Please pass the following on to folks that may be getting out of the service and looking for jobs.

~~Editor's note: I received the message below, but do not have any further information. Please call the 800 number for details:~~

An organization is recruiting for 2 contractor jobs in the Pacific area.:

Job one requires Fire Fighter II and Airport Fire Fighter. It is for 1 year with an option to renew and includes free housing, free food and periodic free airfare to the states.

Job two requires Fire Officer I and also includes free housing, food and free airfare. Call 1-800-877-4899 if you know any one that might be interested.

We have two Assistant Chief for Operations positions open now and an Assistant Chief for Technical Services position available on Aug 1st. The Assistant Chief for Operations work a 56-hour week, 24 on / 48 off with a 5-day break each month. The Assistant Chief for Technical Services will work a 40-hour week, and with experience in Operations, may be used as a backfill there.

We do conform to the DOD IFSAC Certification requirements; however, we dropped one level in order to attract more resumes. We have a dynamite department that thrives on challenges. We, Americans and Turkish, personnel have a great working relationship that has been instrumental in bringing this department into the 21st century.

Interested individuals can contact me at DSN 676-6251 or e-mail their resumes and questions to:

Bryant.nicodemus@incirlik.af.mil

Remember that we are one hour ahead of Central Europe Time. I'm available from 0730 - 1630 Monday through Friday.

On the Move...

Received from Paul Kempton:

A short note to all to let you know I have left HQ AFCEA. I accepted a position at Scott AFB, IL, as an Assistant Fire Chief. Enjoyed working with all of you on the Bottom-up Review and other issues while at Tyndall. Contractor work is just not my cup of tea and it will be great working back where the rubber meets the road. Keep in touch!!!!!!!!!!!! DSN numbers at Scott are 576-6717/5130. Don't hesitate to holler if I can help with anything.

Just want to inform you of the arrival of **CMSgt Steve Haidinger** to the AETC Fire Staff. Sure is great to have him on board. I would like for you to put him on your mailing list for any information that flows to AETC. His e-mail address is:

steven.haidinger@randolph.af.mil.

Thanks, Charlie Byrd

CMS Joe Rivera has joined our staff at AFCEA-replacing the retired CMS Stoneback. His new number is DSN 523-6153. Thanks, George Hall